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OCT. 15: D-DAY FOR PSL HOPEFULS

— By Andrew Dettre

A last minute swing indicates that the Philips League will be increased to 16 teams in 1981.

The majority of clubs favor this move which lengthens the PSL season by four rounds.

However, as 1981 will be a crowded year with the Youth World Cup and World Cup proper elimination matches, the Philips Cup may be suspended or even discontinued.

Now the big question is — which teams will be accepted and rejected for the PSL?

On Monday and Tuesday, October 13 and 14, a specially convened panel will interview the applicants in the ASF offices.

The present position is that Wollongong have been definitely accepted — so now we have 13 teams in the PSL, West Adelaide and St. George having been relegated but eligible to re-apply.

The ASF has received applications from Olympic, Melita, St. George, West Adelaide, Wrest Point Hobart, Preston and are expecting one from Juventus in Melbourne.

If the PSL stays at 14 teams, it's odds on that Wollongong will replace St. George and the rest stays unchanged.

On the other hand, if the League moves to 16 teams, the possibilities multiply.

West Adelaide are certain to be pardoned — there isn't even another candidate from South Australia — and that's 14 teams so far.

But who would then fill the remaining two spots?

Our bet at this stage is: St. George and Preston of Victoria.

The St. George application will then be measured against those of Melita and Olympic.

The Saints are promising a big shake-up for 1981 and, with no more heavy investment needed for their stadium, this is within their reach.

Neither Olympic nor Melita have a first class home ground though both have a potentially large following.

Logic would dictate that Melita take precedence over Olympic, on results alone — but will they cut a more impressive figure than the Saints?

From interstate the news is that the Tasmanian bid may be a trifle premature while the Juventus one is little more than a declaration of intent for the future.

That leaves the well organised and well supported Preston which, we understand, also carries the strong support of the other Melbourne PSL clubs.

This committee consists of five PSL and five ASF delegates.

If their recommendation is totally or almost unanimous, the ASF executive is certain to endorse it.

After next week's interviews, a 10-men PSL subcommittee will make a recommendation.

If, however, the decision is split — as it was last year — the ASF executive may make its own decision.

One way or the other, by October 15 or 16, we will all know who'll be in the PSL.

OLYMPIC BREEZE INTO GR. FINAL

Olympic, with the aid of Clive Eaton (right) hammered Melita 5-1 in last Sunday's NSW semifinal.

Sydney Olympic took awesome revenge on Melita for the loss of the NSW Federation premiership title, by beating the Eagles 5-1 in the major semifinal last Sunday.

With this win Olympic have swept into the Grand Final while Melita will have to play Canterbury on Sunday for the right to meet them there.

With the prospect of an exciting match, officials of both clubs and the NSW Federation are hoping for a big crowd.

Attendances for the semifinals have been disappointing, considering the drawing power of the four clubs involved.

For all match details and the preview of the coming final turn to page 7.

TOP FOUR THIS WEEK

The Philips League Top Four starts this weekend — without a pronounced favourite.

Actually, all four teams involved — Sydney City, Heidelberg, South Melbourne and Marconi — have lost their mid-season sparkle.

In a way it's a sad reflection on our standards that the country's top teams cannot sustain form for this series.

In the past three weeks I have seen all four of them, some of them twice and I couldn't devise a sensible list of odds.

Sydney City still keep winning but without too much flair and colour; perhaps consistency will take them through.

Heidelberg have definitely gone off the boil; their numerous veterans must have run out of puffs and it will need a super effort by Cole and Co. to get back to their earlier brilliance.

South Melbourne operate in spasms: a cool, professional show one week and a sterile performance the next; here, too, some key players such as Buljevic, Campbell and Davidson need a lift to succeed.

Marconi are perhaps the fittest and fastest of the four. However, their glamour strikers seem to have lost their goal touch and the team has to rely on its solid midfield and defence.

On Saturday, in Sydney, the Slickers may start as mild favourites against Heidelberg; the winner goes straight into the grand final.

The following day Marconi may win their sudden-death match against South Melbourne in Victoria but only if the Jankovics-Krncevic duo begin to click.

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THE CLASS OF 1980

This is the SOCCER WORLD XI of the year — based purely and simply on the points awarded each week by our reporters.

Only those have been considered who have played in at least 14 matches — half the season plus one.

The lists have quite a few surprises.

National team players Banovic, Woodhouse, Muir, Prskalo, Jankovics, Krncevic, Barnes and Selemidis missed out — some by surprising margins.

GOALKEEPERS:
1. Crook (West Adelaide)
2. Maher (Marconi)
3. Boland (Footscray)

RIGHT FULLBACKS:
1. Dods (Adelaide City)
2. Perry (Brisbane City)
3. Mullen (Sydney City)

STOPPERS:
1. Lutton (Sth. Melbourne)
2. Hermiston (Brisb. Lions)
3. P. Bannon (Heidelberg)

FREEBACKS:
1. Yzendoorn (Heidelberg)
2. Henderson (Marconi)
3. Stark (Canberra)

LEFT FULLBACKS:
1. Tansey (Heidelberg)
2. Davidson (Sth. Melb.)
3. Curran (Newcastle)

MIDFIELD — 1
1. Muniz (Adelaide City)
2. G. Campbell (Sth. Melb.)
3. Watson (Sydney City)

MIDFIELD — 2
1. J. Campbell (Heidelberg)
2. Melta (Adelaide City)
3. Senkalski (Newcastle)

MIDFIELD — 3
1. Stevenson (Sydney City)
2. Rooney (Heidelberg)
3. Selvage (Blacktown)

RIGHT STRIKER:
1. Sharne (Marconi)
2. Barnes (Adelaide City)
3. Heys (Newcastle)

CENTRAL STRIKER:
1. Cole (Heidelberg)
2. Evans (Sth. Melb.)
3. Boden (Sydney City)

LEFT STRIKERS:
1. O'Connor (Leichhardt)
2. Lujic (Footscray)
3. Nyskohus (Adel. City)

Within each club, these were the three highest rated players:

Adelaide City: 1. Muniz 2. Dods 3. Jones and Marshall.

Blacktown: 1. James 2. Selvage 3. Pointer.

Brisbane City: 1. Perry 2. Wishart 3. Ratcliffe.

Brisbane Lions: 1. Hermiston 2. Bennett 3. Ontong.

Canberra: 1. Stark 2. Wilson 3. Milovanovic.

Heidelberg: 1. Yzendoorn 2. Tansev 3. P. Bannon.

Footscray: 1. Boland 2. Lujic 3. O'Reilly.

Leichhardt: 1. O'Connor 2. Woodhouse 3. Wilson.

Marconi: 1. Maher 2. Henderson 3. Muir.

Newcastle: 1. Curran 2. Reaney 3. Senkalski.

Sth. Melbourne: 1. Lutton 2. Davidson 3. Campbell.

St. George: 1. Campbell 2. Stone 3. McIntosh.

Sydney City: 1. Watson 2. Stevenson 3. Boden.

West Adelaide: 1. Crook 2. McGregor 3. Kosmina.

Phil O'Connor

Agenor Muniz

Peter Sharne

NSW IN FOCUS

ARNCLIFFE WILL MAKE CHANGES

— By Paul James —

Arncliffe president Wal Frazer was frank when asked whether his side had performed as well as hoped this year.

"No, we didn't do as well as we would have liked," Wal said.

"We were aiming for a top four position at the start of the season and finishing fifth from bottom is not our idea of the ideal position."

Arncliffe started the season with an almost totally rebuilt side and in the early rounds had mixed fortunes despite the class of some of the players.

"We encountered some problems: although the players were good, they weren't yet a team.

"It took some weeks for them to get used to playing with each other," he said.

"Then, later in the year Jim Gallagher left the club and we had a break in our continuity.

He said Gallagher's departure was an upset.

But he didn't blame it on the poor showing of the side.

"I think we misjudged how long it would take for the new team to blend together," he added.

Wal said now Arncliffe had a talented team they wanted to hold onto the players for a few years.

"In the past we acquired a reputation for losing good players," he said.

"They tend to come and spend a year or two, then move on.

"We haven't had too many true club men.

"That's something we hope to rectify with this present side," Wal added.

He said the club was also counting on producing some local players for the first team.

"If we want local players I think we have to really work to produce them ourselves, right up through the ranks," he said.

He said the player who had shown the most consistent form throughout the year was Andy Tracey.

"He could always be relied on to give his full effort and push the team on even when things looked black," Wal said.

He said that coach Alan Ainslie, who took over the job when Gallagher left, was another one who led by inspiration.

John Wignall, who was honoured by the club by being selected as 'Clubman' of the year, was another player who had a fine year.

Arncliffe's attack was one of the best in the league, but at times the defence was a worry.

The figures speak for themselves: 40 goals for, 46 against.

"But I think you can expect a much tighter Arncliffe next year," Wal said.

He pointed to the younger players coming through the ranks already.

"Players like Brad Earle and Gary Frazer, both 19, have matured rapidly under the guidance of the more experienced players and they should be able to eventually earn regular first team places," he said.

"There will also be some other major developments within Arncliffe, but at present they must stay under wraps," Wal Frazer said.

"But whatever they are they will only strengthen our club," he added.

AVALA WANTS TO BE STYLISH

"I tried to change the approach to the game within Avala during the season", said Avala coach Kaz Kulak.

"The club has always tried to play attractive soccer, but I tried to use a larger proportion of local players to do it," he added.

"There is no substitute for skill in soccer.

"Some clubs have based their game — even in the PSL — on aggression, physical fitness and power.

"They may escape relegation each year, but they will never win competitions and they certainly won't win fans back to the empty grounds," he said.

"I was very pleased with our team's performance this year.

"Admittedly we missed out on the top four, but not by very much and we were a strong contender for most of the year," Kaz said.

"However, I feel my team was not as balanced as I would have liked.

"Instead of 11 players, at times we had only nine worthy of a place," he added in a surprisingly frank comment.

"We badly missed Branko Karanfilovski for nine matches and in that time we lost our chance for the top four," he said.

"He was our chief goalgetter and without him we were badly handicapped."

Kaz said he was particularly pleased with the way Billy Pilovski had come through this year.

"He is a case in point about local talent.

"He came to Australia when he was two, learnt all his soccer here and has tremendous potential," Kaz said.

"He came on as a brilliant centre back this year and is one of my key players for next season.

"But this was the first time he was given the chance to show his skills.

"It is easy to buy players — and I can do that," he said.

"But I want to produce players.

"We have a few imports in the team, to add experience, but eventually the younger Australian players will have their own experience and will be able to handle pressure," he said.

Kaz said he was most impressed with the performances of imported Polish player Bill Czolnowski.

Czolnowski has only been in Australia four months and is still settling in, but almost from his first match for the club he was an inspiration.

"In his first game he scored for us and stamped his authority over midfield," Kaz said.

"If we had had Branko at that time we would certainly have picked up the extra points needed to make the four."

Kaz said he was staying with Avala to carry through his plans of developing the youth.

"I want to show that an exciting, ball playing team can be built on Australian youth.

"I'm convinced it is the only way to win back the crowds.

"We must give the Australian public teams with whom they can identify, and I don't mean the names of the teams — I mean the players themselves.

"I'm sure it can be done," he said.

WOOLONGONG'S WIN

— By Charles Spiteri —

Wollongong were out to prove a point on Monday and even the in-form St. George could not hold them in a top game of soccer at Barton Stadium.

They were one goal down in the 25th minute when a sizzling drive by Clive Beardow from 30 metres went right under in the top corner.

And this was just what Wollongong needed to spark the motivation that Johnson had built into his players as they started their fightback to eventual victory.

Striker Glen Fonana scored the equaliser within five minutes and Wollongong never looked back.

With the wind assisting in the second half, Wollongong made sure of victory soon after the break scoring two good goals within eight minutes through John Bingham and Harry Sattin.

Jock Morlando pulled one back halfway through the second half yet the Gong's still kept fighting as this was one game they had to win.

Winning of the final was the culmination of a good season for Mike Johnson.

Wollongong must have presented Johnson with some sort of challenge as his motivation of the players was nothing short of remarkable.

None of his players this year reached four yellow cards and none of them was sent off from the field despite the fierce competition.

Wollongong this year had four of its best players mostly out of action, goalkeeper Peter Terziouvski, striker, David Jirsa, and midfielders Dafkovski and Namouvski.

Young players from the lower grades were the replacements, but Johnson's biggest blow which probably cost him winning promotion was the departure of Terziovski to Croatia which, for a time, left a huge gap in the side.

St. George: Wotton, Skeen, Johnson, Holmik, Hadley, Beardow, Smith, Morlando, Dredge, Tuntevski, Fraser.

Wollongong: Greathead, Montecchi, R. Sattin, Petkovski, Talevski, Campbell, Giraldi, H. Sattin, Fontana, Bingham, Jirsa.

Goals: Beardow, Morlando, Fontana, Bingham, H. Sattin.

RELEGATION PLAY-OFF

Parramatta v Ku-ring-gai 4-2 (1-0)

As expected this match was a hard fought struggle, with Parramatta proving too strong for a game Ku-ring-gai side.

Nelson Brizuela and Percy Biglands were the best for the Magpies and it was Brizuela's freekick in the 32nd minute that gave Mick Stephenson the chance to put his side ahead with a 10-metre shot.

Minutes later Donovan saved well to prevent Wheatley from scoring.

After the break Brizuela continued his brilliant showing and in the 51st minute broke through to calmly place the ball under the advancing Taylor.

Within three minutes Paul Jones reduced the arrears for Ku-ring-gai when his flighted 30-metre freekick deceived Donovan to find the net.

Jim McGill then beat the offside trap in the 69th minute and scored with a chip shot to put Ku-ring-gai level.

Parramatta stormed back in the final 10 minutes and put Ku-ring-gai under tremendous pressure.

Lackey gave his side the lead once again when he converted a penalty in the 78th minute after Bates was upended.

Brizuela made another strong run in the 82nd minute and slipped the ball to Stephenson who slammed the ball home to make certain of Parramatta's place in the State League next year.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 4, McKenzie 3, Biglands 5, Lackey 4, Bates 3, Forwood 4, Fisher 3, Roden 3 (Jordan 84m), Strickland 3, Stephenson 4, Brizuela 6.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 3, Geekie 3, Martin 3, Robertson 4, Lavin 3, Hill 4, Worthington 3, McGill 4, Herron 3, Jones 5.

Goals: 1-0 Stephenson (32m), 2-0 Brizuela (51m), 2-1 Jones (54m), 2-2 McGill (69m), 3-2 Lackey (pen. 78m), 4-2 Stephenson (82m).

Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 443; **cautions:** Herron, Forwood, Stephenson.

— G. Streeter

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HEIDELBERG v MARCONI 0-0

Once again, the two giants Heidelberg and Marconi, struggled with each other in a gigantic battle without either being able to gain the upper hand.

Battle royal but very little else

Their clash was a true cup final affair, a non-stop battle which, despite the lack of goals, produced some thrilling stuff.

Heidelberg were the first to find their rhythm though the attacking flair of the injured Yzendoorn was notably missing.

Marconi could have grabbed the lead in the 9th minute when, after a Sharne-Jankovics move, Muir's close shot went wide.

Two minutes later Alan Maher gave notice that this was going to be his day: he dived at the feet of Gary Cole, galloping through in the middle, and smothered the shot.

Marconi, in contrast with their recent displays, were now building their attacks patiently, using the midfield drive of Raskopoulos and Byrne effectively.

In the 12th minute one such attack ended with a Krncevic piledriver zooming over the bar.

Just on halftime the fairly quiet Sharne exploded: he made a 50-metre sprint, almost to the banks of the nearby Yarra, passed five defenders like an express going by frozen platforms, then was finally caught near the post.

The second half started with another promising Marconi attack: Jankovics brought up the ball, laid it on for Raskopoulos and his 25-metre shot missed by a foot.

Three minutes later the confident Marconi threatened again: Brogan's cross was headed down by Jankovics but Sharne's volley went high.

Then came Alan Maher again. In the 51st minute Tansey threw the ball in from the left.

The ball bounced short, sailed over Prskalo and there was Cole stretching to head it towards the far post — but Maher, diving backwards, tipped the ball over the bar.

Less than a minute later Paton broke through but Maher, closing the angle, threw himself into the shot at pointblank range.

In the 64th minute only the generosity of Tasmanian referee Jack Johnson saved Marconi.

Paton broke free and at least two metres inside the box was brought down by Henderson — but only a freekick was given from the 16-metre line.

The most unforgettable moment of the game arrived in the 69th minute: Maher saved a close shot from Cole, the ball about to go in at the base of the far post.

A few fouls began to creep into the game: Prskalo flattened Paton, then Paton bundled Maher into the net; fatigue was becoming evident.

In the 83rd minute Paton's header from a few metres sailed wide then, almost on fulltime, a Sharne cross into the goalmouth was almost turned into an own goal by McMillan.

When extra time came, the younger and fitter Marconi was edging closer to final victory though both teams still had chances.

In the 101st minute Maher dived into a close Paton shot and three minutes later, at the other end, Jankovics' drive went over the bar.

Now the players were fighting not just their opponents but cramp, too; the pace was beginning to tell.

Jankovics and Raskopulos had half-chances, then only a timely Prskalo tackle on Cole averted danger.

In the 119th minute, almost on time, a Sharne cross found its way tantalisingly into the box but Jankovics couldn't gather the ball and the opportunity was lost.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 3, McMillan 4, Provan 4, P. Bannon 4, **Tansey** 5, Rooney 3, Selemidis 4, Campbell 4 (Williams 99m), Paton 3, Cole 3, Bozikas 3 (Taylor 113m).

MARCONI: Maher 6, Brogan 3 (Lindsay 68m), Cant 3, Henderson 4, **Prskalo** 5, **Muir** 5, Byrne 4, Raskopoulos 4, Krncevic 3, Jankovics 3, Sharne 3.

Referee: J. Johnson (Tasm.); **crowd:** 6388.

— A. Dettre

Heidelberg stars Yzendoorn (left) and Cole.

MAHER MAGIC

Marconi wouldn't have deserved to lose Sunday's Philips Cup final — yet on a number of occasions it was only the brilliance of Alan Maher that saved them.

The two most memorable moments:

***51st minute:** Tansey throws in the ball, some 18 metres from the goal on the left; the ball skips over Prskalo and Cole, from some 8 metres, sends a powerful header to the far corner but Maher, stretching and sailing backwards, fingertips the ball over the bar.*

***Maher:** "These throws-in often cause problems. This time the ball dropped short. Prskalo attacked the ball but it bounced over him and also over Muir. I was covering the near post when the ball was headed by Cole. By that time I instinctively began to move towards the middle and when the ball came, I took off. Yes, I had to dive back and I knew I couldn't hold it as I would have taken the ball into the net with me, so I palmed it over the bar."*

***69th minute:** Tansey sends in an accurate cross from the left and Bozikas heads the ball into the goalmouth where Cole, some two metres from the goal, taps it towards the net. But Maher, miraculously, goes down to the ground and turns the ball around the post.*

***Maher:** "When Tansey's well flighted ball went over to the right, I moved across to the far post. But Bozikas headed the ball back to the other post and I had to move quickly. I saw Cole unmarked, flicking the ball towards the corner but I went down almost to the base of the post and got a hand to it. Obviously Cole never expected to see me there; had he wanted to, he could have torn the net down."*

Is this our "Mecca"?

Is Melbourne really the "Mecca" of Australian soccer as so many claim?

Last Saturday, on the excellent TAA service, I went to Melbourne for the Cup Final.

The match, in ideal weather, attracted just over 6,000 spectators — certainly not the 10,000-plus predicted.

To be brutally frank, about 98 percent of the crowd was "pure ethnic".

Olympic Park, allegedly the showpiece of Australian soccer, is getting decrepit.

Built in 1956 for the Olympics, many of its public facilities are getting old, shabby — and primitive.

Its best feature is the grandstand and excellent floodlighting, adequate for colour TV, too.

CUP REPLAY

The final of the Philips Cup will be replayed on Wednesday, October 15, at Marconi Stadium, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The two clubs, Marconi and Heidelberg, agreed on the venue and date minutes after their 0-0 draw last Saturday in Melbourne and PSL manager Paul Kemp promptly approved.

WHO CAN BEAR THE WINTER HEAT?

Pupils of the "summer madness" school may like to know that Brisbane's summer evenings can be cooler than winter afternoons.

The following table of mean temperatures is from figures supplied by the Brisbane Weather Bureau and may be of interest.

Winter Afternoon

Mth.	Temp. °C 3 p.m.	4 p.m.
Mar.	26.3	25.8
Apr.	24.9	24.3
May	22.1	21.4
Jun.	20.2	19.5
July	19.4	18.7
Aug.	20.6	20.0
Sep.	22.5	21.8

Summer Evening

Mth.	Temp. °C 8 p.m.	9 p.m.
Oct.	20.5	18.4
Nov.	22.2	21.4
Dec.	23.3	23.0
Jan.	24.2	23.0
Feb.	24.3	23.8
Mar.	23.1	22.7
Apr.	21.4	20.9
May	18.5	18.0

FROM THE PRESS BOX

An unseemly rumpus has broken out in the Press over the announcement that summer soccer may be introduced at the end of 1981.

From the irate and sardonic newspaper comments you would imagine that some dark conspiracy is about to descend upon soccer, threatening the immense boom we are now enjoying...

Their main objection is that soccer shouldn't be played in the summer when it's usually hot and that people will refuse to watch sport in that weather.

Obviously they have heard of night soccer. In fact, soccer revolutionised all football codes in Sydney by introducing a night series at Lidcombe Oval in 1957; it was a tremendous success.

Cosmos, you may recall, also played at night and drew a full house.

In South America, Spain and Portugal, with a climate similar to ours, games are played in the evening for many months of the year.

And I can assure all my perspiring colleagues that they will need a jumper at the Sydney Athletic Field, Barton Park or Marconi Oval on a January or February evening.

The other theory that needs to be debunked is that Australians don't watch sport in the heat.

Of course not — except tennis and cricket — in near century temperatures, for six hours a day...

Kerry Packer, by the way, also switched to night cricket — and the experiment some of the Press had ridiculed came off.

The problem with summer-night soccer is not that some players are against it or that it's too hot — but that we may not have enough good grounds in the various cities for the purpose.

This, in my opinion, will be the turning point in the issue.

I cannot honestly understand how a large section of the Press can go on pretending that soccer is a serious threat to the other football codes in winter.

What do they base this presumption on — the pathetic crowd figures?

Only the most stubborn traditionalists, raised in the winter slush of Europe, can keep objecting to an experiment which may produce results.

They all agree, on the quiet, that the PSL is in trouble; they revel in printing stories about clubs being on the verge of bankruptcy; they even predict doom for the national league.

But when a bold suggestion appears which may lift soccer above its miserable level, they become arch-conservatives and want to go on with the game the same old way so that they can run more stories about declining crowds...

Sport is not a static phenomenon; in a rapidly changing society it cannot stand still.

Soccer has undergone tremendous changes over the years — and Australia usually trails behind the pioneers.

Must we be always the very last to notice new trends and adopt new measures?

The Sydney daily Press, with very few exceptions, opposed our entry into the World Cup in 1965 as a wasteful extravaganza; now it's chic to write about the Socceroos.

The national league idea also received a cool reception because "it's never been done." Now it's a fact.

Those who are elected to run soccer in this country have an almost sacred duty to search for ways to make the game better.

And if facts and figures prove that we must play the damned thing at dawn, in knickerbockers and not in the hallowed spirit of 3pm on Saturday afternoon, so be it.

I don't know if summer-night soccer will succeed; I don't even know if it's possible.

But I do know — and so do most of my obstinate colleagues — that what we have today is a shambles and almost anything is worth trying.

The alternative would be to tolerate, nay, encourage, yet another decade of stagnation.

Is that so terribly desirable?

— Andrew Dettre

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REVIEW OF PSL TEAMS

Brisbane City needs that pro touch

Steve Perry, Socceroo fullback.

Season 1980 has been a riches to rags story for the 1979 Grand Finalists.

What had promised to be a dream has turned into a nightmare for a club whose loyal, generous, and sometimes volatile support demands success as a right.

Season '79 had been a long step forward for the club, not only on the playing field but also behind the scenes where their influential directors had prepared plans for the move to their own grounds at Newmarket, an inner Brisbane suburb.

The plans reflected the faith these men had in the future: the establishment of a huge grandstand (with modern private boxes), completion of the reasonably new clubrooms, and an upgrading of the playing surface.

All systems were at go when season 1980 began but an Achilles heel had shown itself to shrewd judges of the game and it wasn't long before their fears were shown to be well founded.

With this statement it is perhaps possible not only to criticize City but to help them if they so desire help.

The 1979 team had been an enigma in soccer, an eleven that practically picked itself from week to week and gave coach Saftich little to do other than supply motivational encouragement.

Aided by some good medical work and a little luck the team had had a remarkably injury-free run and so had worked as an almost uninterrupted unit.

Now in 1980 two of this machine's vital parts had gone; the big, rough, tough, but thoroughly professional Bobby Campbell, an excellent target man who not only upset defenders with his aggression but also set up goals for others, as well as scoring his own share and one of the few visionaries in Australian soccer, Frank Pimblett.

With his departure went the class that a successful team needs.

To fill the gap in power and skill the club purchased Joe Palinkas for a big fee and it is hard to understand the logic that brought this fast, skilful, but always temperamental winger to Brisbane for he is as far removed from Campbell and Pimblett as one could imagine.

When the goals refused to come Palinkas, and his purchase became a target for the vented frustrations of the faithful support.

The call went out for Pimblett's return and secretary Canale left for the U.K. on a mission of repair.

During his absence the team capitulated to State League team Mt. Gravatt in the Philips Cup and coach Saftich was relieved of his duties.

Now came the club's "silly season" and for a few matches the team was controlled by a quartet of players and directors.

Then ex-Lions P.S.L. coach Gyula Vincze was named as controller for a week "until a decision was made".

Vincze, employed with the club as a youth coach, never had a chance and the following week player George Potter was named as player/coach.

By now Pimblett had returned accompanied by two Scots, Hamilton and McCluskey who were rushed into the team immediately and it became painfully obvious that although the team now had an over-abundance of midfield type players the greater of the two needs had not been satisfied and the club still lacked effect where it matters most, in front of goal.

The transfer deadline had passed, the team bumbled along, defensively sound, reasonably creative, but horribly sterile except for that magic week when they put seven goals past a stunned Heidelberg.

The euphoria was not to last long, however, and the season has terminated with tension and worry all around for the club as they depended on others helping in their fight to stave off relegation.

Where to now, Brisbane City?

It has never been easy to get deep information from the club but one thing has become very obvious to the interested onlooker: the directors, all successful, excellent businessmen in their own right, have not yet learned the vagaries of running an embryo semi-professional organisation, which, because of its very nature, requires the involvement of much voluntary work if it is to succeed.

They must get themselves a man who understands these procedures and then let him get on with the job, while they get on with the higher workings of the club.

At the playing level the picture is not so clear.

Regular 'keeper Kim Wishart has had a cartilage removed and will have to face the traumatic repair and recovery program that always takes time.

Rumor abounds about some of the defenders returning to the U.K. and if these were to be true it would be hard to see re-appointed coach Potter keep his promise of only playing if required next season.

Some have it that Gaffney is about to return to his native Woolongong and big Barry Kelso looked decidedly unhappy at being replaced during the last game and it is said he is disillusioned with the whole Philips League scene.

Although these rumours are annual fare it could be that City might be caught short next season and yet the financial committment to their new ground rules out any wholesale venture into the transfer market.

At their youth level the work of Vincze is beginning to show signs of fruition but it is extremely doubtful if even he would claim the youngsters would be ready for the soon to be commenced fray as he has first hand knowledge of what is needed among the big boys of Australian soccer.

The new ground will be ready, a showpiece, but to sum up our intuition there is an awful lot of hard work to be done at other levels if improvement is to be forthcoming.

The fans will demand it and they deserve as much. The club, like others, has seen their gates suffer this season and they also have the added problem that their fans' generosity can be directly related to how successful the team is on the field of play.

Brisbane City is a proud club run by proud people and nothing less than success will satisfy them.

This is the first year in Philips League that the club has not tasted success of some kind and it will be a bitter pill to swallow.

However, the threat has now passed and it will be interesting to follow their fortunes in the months to come.

— Jim Binnie

FINAL ON TV

The 1980 PSL Grand Final will be telecast live to Sydney and Melbourne by the new '0' Network on October 26.

Arrangements are also being made for telecast either live or on a delayed replay basis to Adelaide, Hobart, Newcastle, Brisbane, Wollongong and Canberra.

This will be on commercial stations.

Details of stations and telecast times will be announced soon.

The telecast of the 1980 Grand Final will form a major part of the Network's launch celebrations and will receive extensive promotion and publicity.

A permanent venue will be selected for the staging of each year's PSL Grand Final.

This match is to be built over subsequent years into a major and significant public event.

However, for 1980 it has been decided to stage the Grand Final at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra.

Castle came with big run

In retrospect, did the departure of the mercurial Ken Boden to Sydney City keep Newcastle KB United out of a semi-final spot?

Even without Boden, Newcastle showed commendable grit and determination to claw their way from an insignificant league position to finish on level terms with Adelaide City in fifth place.

Boden was transferred to Sydney City for $20,000 plus the exchange of rugged Welsh striker Mark Trenter.

As it turned out, Trenter wandered around forlornly failing to come to grips with Newcastle's tight pattern of play which places heavy demands on the front runners.

A shoulder injury sustained against Czechoslovakia also hampered the disappointing Trenter and he eventually slipped back, almost unnoticed to the Sydney Slickers for about $5,000.

Boden in his two seasons at Newcastle scored 26 PSL goals and this season there has been no-one to take over the goal-getting mantle.

The rights or wrongs of allowing Boden to leave can be solidly argued particularly when Newcastle's perilous financial state became clear as the season progressed.

But there was a famine of goals at the International Sports Centre where the crowds, though well down on the 1979 figures, were still the most satisfying in the entire PSL series.

A crowd of 9,500 saw Sydney City win 3-0 with Boden back on the ground he had performed so brilliantly over the past two years and notching a vital goal in his typical fashion.

Crowds of well over 7,000 attended the matches against Marconi, Brisbane Lions, Leichhardt, Canberra City and St.George.

The smallest attendance was 4,420 against West Adelaide, with the aggregate for the 13 "home" matches being over 83,000.

Had the side got off to a better start it is almost certain that five figure crowds at the Sports Centre would have been the normal situation.

But a shocking run of injuries made the task of coach Alan Vest even more difficult and he searched in vain for a reliable striking force.

At times, on training nights, it looked more like the sick parade before an army details with a wide array of physical complaints keeping key players out of action.

Typical of Newcastle's run of misfortunes was that of brilliant young player Joe Senkalski.

Twice selected in Australian touring squads under Rudi Gutendorf, he suffered painful injuries.

Then, when almost back to match play fitness, he was rushed off to hospital for an operation for the removal of his appendix.

Senkalski has been one of the most improved players in the Newcastle lineup this season.

Largely responsible for his more incisive play has been the keen understanding he has developed with former England and Leeds United defender Paul Reaney.

The vast experience of Reaney became more and more evident as the season progressed.

Reaney joined the club at the beginning of the season and for a number of games played the role of an old time fullback rarely advancing from his defensive area.

But over the last two months the improvement in Newcastle's performances can be traced to the more adventurous play of Reaney, coupled with the known attacking capabilities of his fullback partner Colin Curran.

Defensively solid with the consistent skipper Roy Drinkwater a lion-hearted sweeper, Newcastle United conceded 31 goals but the lack of that regular net-finder weighed heavily on the defence and also the loyal United support.

Phil Dando, acrobatic goalie.

The acquisition of a top class striker is high on the priority list of manager-coach Alan Vest when he goes player hunting in November tough there is a great dearth of the "willing to die in the penalty area" type of goal scorer.

Two of their most convincing wins away from Newcastle were against St. George and Brisbane Lions with three goal winning margins.

only 14 goals in their 13 "home" appearances, their most shattering performance being a 4-0 drubbing by Canberra City.

When the club struck financial trouble midway through the year an amount of almost $50,000 was raised in the matter of weeks through a variety of fundraising schemes and the followers happily dipped into their pockets to support their ailing club — a wonderful gesture greatly appreciated by the United directors.

At the final match at the Sports Centre the extended Tooth Brewery sponsorship was announced and portion of the $100,000 allotment for 1981 will be used on strengthening some positions in the side.

Coach Alan Vest is naturally tight-lipped about the players he would like to secure for the team though there is no doubt that a midfield "general" and a goal hungry striker are high on his list of priorities.

The coach himself was almost lost to the club having had his name linked with Wollongong City in a period of uncertainty when many names of replacement coaches were being bandied around.

The retention of Vest as coach for 1981 makes him by far the longest serving of any in the Philips League, a sound testimony to the calibre of the club's administrators who have backed their coach in almost every instance.

Now that the team has learned what disciplined work-rate is all about, it seems likely that coach Vest will add a further dimension in tactical skill where the more gifted players in the side will show greater individual initiative combined with their industrious activity.

At one stage during the season Newcastle looked relegation material so their determined climb to such a respectable position must stamp the year as one of success — but where were the missing thousands with the average dropping from 10,200 to 6,400 per "home" match?

A number of factors can be traced back but the general opinion of the "man who pays his admission money" was that there was not enough adventure in the team and insufficient flair up front to grab these elusive goals.

But there is no doubt that the team finished as a formidable unit with a relentless defence and was shown against the much vaunted Heidelberg attacking duo of Jamie Paton and Gary Cole and holding South Melbourne to a scoreless draw.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry was outspoken in his remarks following his team's 3-1 defeat claiming that the "brutal" tactics of Newcastle did nothing for the future of the PSL competition.

Yet two of Newcastle's goals were splendid efforts as though to disprove the belief that Newcastle are a non-scoring nonentity and that with greater emphasis on attack can emerge as one of the competition's most exciting teams.

— Myles Hay

Bonus would have changed it

There were no bonus points this season.

Had it been in force still, this would have been the final order — with actual points in brackets.

1. Heidelberg	40(36)
2. Sydney City	38(37)
3. Marconi	37(34)
4. Sth.Melbourne	36(35)
5. Adelaide City	31(30)
6. Newcastle	30(30)
7. Brisbane Lions	25(25)
8. Leichhardt	24(23)
9. Footscray	23(23)
10. Canberra	23(21)
11. Blacktown	22(21)
12. Brisbane City	19(18)
13. West Adelaide	17(17)
14. St.George	14(14)

VACUUM CLEANER CREATED TYPHOONS

From champions in 1978 to relegation in 1980 is the depressing story of West Adelaide.

Why this rapid fall from grace? The decline really started last year when Westad could only manage to finish 7th following their euphoric title success.

Westad's management decided that a new broom was needed and engaged Gerry Chaldi to replace ex-Irish International Tom Forde as manager-coach.

Chaldi slipped quietly into Adelaide bringing with him an outstanding record of success he had earned with Sydney City.

So the bold front page cover of Westad's programme for their opening game against Newcastle was out of date before it went on sale.

The program carried sketches of Reynolds, Boyle and Dooley along with drawings of the other players expected to be regulars, but the former trio did not figure in Westad's campaign.

Further signings followed with Chris Key, Ian McKie and Brian Gale acquired from Rothmans League club Enfield-Victoria.

Chaldi then implemented an ambitious youth plan which involved the introduction of Tom Forde jun. (son of the former Westad Coach).

Manecas, mercurial striker.

But "quiet" man Chaldi's approach was not of a man using a new broom, but rather a high-powered vacuum cleaner.

Before the season started Westad lost their favourite son David Jones to Adelaide City and Peter Boyle and Con Kambas were later cleared to State League club Port Adelaide, destined not to kick a ball for Westad in 1980.

Chaldi planned to cover the loss of Boyle and Kambas with new signings Manecas, Shraga Topaz and the re-acquisition of Eric Carruthers.

But on the eve of the 1980 kick-off big Barry Reynolds suffered a knee injury at training which was to sideline him for the entire season.

On that same night Chaldi told State team mid-fielder Garie Dooley that his services would not be required.

Steve Atsalas and Aldo Lorenzoni in the starting line-up for the first league game against Newcastle.

Other youngsters Nick Pantsaras, George Koulianos and Gale were on the bench for that match which ended in a 1-1 draw.

The youth scheme was extended by the next home game as Tom Totsikas made his way into the first eleven for the 1-0 win over South Melbourne and McKie was given a substitutes berth.

Meanwhile, SA defender Zoran Maricic was signed from Campbelltown City to add experience to the back four, but Chaldi continued to unearth young talent by bringing in mid-fielder David Doorne when Westad defeated Blacktown City 4-2.

The pressure of achieving acceptable results, however, meant that there was not enough time available to allow the youngsters to establish themselves and only Forde emerged as a regular in the true sense of the word.

The painfully slow acclimatisation of Manecas and Topaz worried Chaldi and his growing band of critics.

Despite the unsettling changes Westad's home record was excellent.

Not all matches could be played at Hindmarsh Stadium, however, and Westad, who hold the record for the most number of successive PSL wins (eight in 1978), set the dubious contrasting record of nine successive away-game losses.

The recall of Graham Norris from Azzurri after the striker had been loaned to the State League club, seemed an early admission of an error of judgment by Chaldi.

That same charge was levelled many times as the season progressed, but never more forcibly than by the original reject, Garie Dooley who, after winning the Rothmans Medal as the best State League player for his new club Elizabeth City, "thanked" Chaldi for making the award possible for him to win.

By the time Dooley made his acceptance speech, Chaldi was no longer manager-coach of Westad.

Former Crystal Palace player Billy Birch took over the shaky ship with only six rounds to complete the league season and with relegation looming large.

All, it seemed, was not lost as Birch steered Westad to their first away game point of the season with a 1-1 draw against Brisbane City.

A flattering 2-0 win over Canberra City at home and — wonder of wonders — a 3-0 away win over Footscray and Westad fans were convinced that Birch was capable of walking on water.

But Adelaide City unkindly halted the success sequence with a 2-0 win at Hindmarsh and the Billy Birch bubble burst the following week when Westad crumbled 1-3 to woodenspooner St. George.

Courage was paramount when Westad made their last ditch stand against Marconi, but they lost 0-1 to finish in the very unlucky 13th position.

The real damage was done back in April when Sydney City thrashed Westad 7-0 in a showdown encounter aimed squarely at their former coach.

Ironically, Westad was on the verge of turning the tables in the return game in July when they outplayed the champions elect in the first half of a game which might have sparked a revival for the rest of the year.

That hope crashed when Norris was sent off just before half time and the Slickers stumbled on to an unconvincing 0-2 win.

Westad's failures on the field have left their future clouded.

If their plea for re-admission to the PSL also fails, their arch-rivals Adelaide City will be chief mourner.

Westad and City have a love-hate relationship with each very much needing the other, particularly in the important matter of gate-takings for their local derbies.

— Allan Crisp

John Kosmina

REVIEW OF PSL TEAMS

STABILITY WAS SOUTH'S SECRET

There is nothing in Victorian soccer that can quite compare with South Melbourne in full flight.

Heidelberg may again be the top club of the State but somehow they don't have the capacity to fill soccer followers with the same enthusiasm.

After watching Heidelberg a number of times one gets the impression of looking at grinding machinery whereas with South there is always the possibility of a superb individual performance, a great goal out of nothing, an element of surprise along the way.

The club commands the best support in Melbourne and probably the most loyal since attendances hardly ever fell below 4000 even in their nightmare year of 1979.

That doesn't stop them from being critical, of course, and winning is not worth it unless it is done in style.

If you don't believe that just ask club captain Alun Evans.

The former Liverpool player suffered the indignity of being dropped early in the year because of pressure by the club's supporters, after the South v Leichhardt game.

The team won 1-0 but gave an indifferent performance and Evans pricked the balloon by gesturing at the crowd after they started booing.

Happily the incident blew over in a week and "Evo" was able to resume his spot in a side where stability made the big difference between finishing last in 1979 and 3rd in 1980.

Coach John Margaritis used only 15 players in the 26 league games compared with the 21 tried and tested the previous season.

From the outset he maintained his policy of settling his team into a pattern, giving them the confidence of not having to look behind their back constantly wondering who is waiting to take their place.

Such was his belief in the squad he knocked back the chance of signing Bruce Rioch, Bobby Kerr who was a member of Sunderland's FA Cup winning team and Alfie Conn of Tottenham, Rangers and Celtic fame.

All three were willing to sign contracts with the club but Margaritis put off the dealings until the close season and may have lost them for good as a result.

Nevertheless the squad repaid his confidence in them and made mincemeat of pre-season forecasts that the side was destined to struggle again.

After a slow start in which the club suffered defeats to West Adelaide and Sydney City in successive weeks, the team picked up and won seven out of eight matches in April and May soaring to third place by round 12.

Most of the wins were low-scoring victories but the side also had the best goals against record in the league.

The new-look defence was in fact Margaritis' biggest coup.

Alan Davidson was moved from midfield to become the top left back in the country, Vince Bannon was brought back from the obscurity of the State League to add his tenacity and overlapping ability at right back and Arthur Xanthopoulos resumed top class soccer as if his two-year break had only been a fortnight's suspension.

But the move that grabbed all the limelight was Bertie Lutton's successful conversion from midfielder to sweeper.

The former Wolves, West Ham and Brighton player was on the outer for most of 1979 but came back with a vengeance and performed as if he'd been playing in that position through all his playing career.

Other players who have largely contributed to South's success over the year were Billy Rogers, George Campbell, and Branko Buljevic.

Rogers was another player who came out of retirement to play as if he'd never been away at all. His performances in midfield added some much needed bite and gave the side drive from deep.

George Campbell was on the verge of a move to Leichhardt in the close season but stayed to regain the flair and mobility which had made him such an instant hit when he first joined the club from Aberdeen.

Bill Rogers, back from retirement.

Buljevic defied all the critics who predicted his $15,000 move from Heidelberg would be a flop.

He showed his best form after being allowed to play his favourite role wide of the target man and ended the season as the side's top scorer.

Towards the end injuries upset the rhythm of the side and their title challenge waned.

Alan Davidson damaged his ankle ligaments in the Cup match against Heidelberg, Buljevic sustained a mystery back complaint missing a league game and playing out the season without it ever really clearing up and Rogers copped a face injury in scoring a goal while Lutton missed matches through suspension.

Despite this the team ended the season on a high note thrashing Marconi 4-1 away and Margaritis is at least, temporarily being called the club's Messiah.

The coach, however, has heard it all before and has accepted the fact that the euphoria will be over soon and his head will again be on the chopping block if Souths don't have a brilliant start next season.

Nothing short of the league championship will satisfy and for this reason the coach must weed out the weak spots to give the side more polish and depth, for next year.

— Paul Galea

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THE YEAR IN FIGURES

ALL PSL PLAYERS

This is the complete list of all PSL appearances in 1980.

In the second column we listed the aggregate appearances of the players.

We have made no distinction between those who played a full game or part of it.

ADELAIDE CITY — 19

	1980	1977-80
David JONES	26	101
Peter MARSHALL	26	79
Bogdan NYSKOHUS	26	83
John NYSKOHUS	26	99
Agenor MUNIZ	25	86
Sergio MELTA	24	60
Bobby RUSSELL	24	44
John PERIN	23	97
Glen DODS	21	47
Colin BARNES	16	16
Gary MAROCCHI	16	58
Brian NORTHCOTE	16	90
John BESIR	11	60
David MITCHELL	9	9
John DEANS	5	56
Justin FASHANU	5	5
Jim MUIR	5*	45
Luciano SIGNORE	2	2
Vic SMYTHE	2	2

* Also with another club.

BLACKTOWN — 26

	1980	1977-80
Warren TURNBULL	23	80
Ian HUNTER	22	22
Cliff POINTER	22	22
George HARRIS	21	94
Paul WILKINSON	21	21
Ricardo HORMAZABAL	20	20
Jimmy IZATT	18	18
Steve POLLARD	18	18
Bruce JAMES	17	17
Brian O'DONNELL	17*	71
Stuart SELVAGE	17*	33
Alan FISHER	14	14
Bruce STOWELL	14	14
Carlos ORTEGA	11	11
Peter FREEMAN	10	10
Barry CAMPBELL	9	9
Bill AMEY	9	25
Peter CUK	9	9
Dave HARDING	7	68
Tony RASMUSSEN	7	7
Phil DOLTON	4	4
Neil MANNING	2	2
Neil TAYLOR	2	2
Bobby CHARLTON	1	1
Gavin LANDON	1	1
Eduardo PENA	1	1

* Also with another club.

BRISBANE CITY — 20

	1980	1977-80
Steve PERRY	26	100
David RATCLIFFE	26	54
Bill WILKINSON	26	49
Barry KELSO	25	58
George POTTER	25	101
Kevin CALDWELL	21	90
Joe PALINKAS	21	94
Kevin LOW	20	46
Larry GAFFNEY	18	94
Bob HAMILTON	18	18
Kim WISHART	17	67
Frank PIMBLETT	16	68
Mark BRUSASCO	15	29
Martin COE	11	22
Willie CONNER	11	51
John COYNE	7*	86
Jim McCLUSKEY	6	6
Mike TRIPP	6	6
Dominic CONFESSORE	4	4
David VINCENZINO	4	4

* Also with another club.

BRISBANE LIONS — 22

	1980	1977-80
Colin BENNETT	26	98
Jim HERMISTON	26	78
Ron MILLMAN	26	36
Steve HOGG	25	69
Alan NIVEN	25	78
Paul ONTONG	23	86
Garry LINDSAY	21	21
Mark McNAUGHTON	21	21
Tony SCANLAN	19	20
Johan VERWEIJ	20	20
Leon WILSON	19	55
Tom McGREGOR	14	18
John OGDEN	11	30
Alan HUGHES	10	87
Nigel LOWNDS	7	55
John REID	7	7
Eddie SPEARITT	6	58
Danny WRIGHT	6	6
Calvin DAUNT	5	5
Paul BURNS	3	3
Ian LAWRIE	3	37
Steve AMOS	1	51

CANBERRA — 17

	1980	1977-80
John O'SHEA	26	101
Walter VALERI	26	25
Duncan COLE	24	24
Robert O'SHEA	24	89
Tony BRENNAN	23	46
Danny MOULIS	23	92
Terry BYRNE	22	71
Richard WILSON	22	22
Sebastian GIAMPAOLO	21	21
Milan MILOVANOVIC	21	58
Don McLAREN	19	32
Roy STARK	17	77
Harry WILLIAMS	17	41
Isaac FARRELL	16	37
Mike O'SHEA	7	7
Steve HOSZOWSKI	5	31
John BROWN	1	71

FOOTSCRAY — 18

	1980	1977-80
Zoran ILIOSKI	26	93
Zdravko LUJIC	26	74
Dragan VASIC	26	56
Dennis BOLAND	25	79
Chris PETROU	25	25
Jim O'REILLY	22	80
Vladko BELIC	21	23
Slobodan JOVANOVIC	21	42
Jim KONDARIOS	21	99
Igor HAZABENT	20	59
Joe PICIOANE	20	95
Mirko RUJEVIC	18	82
Kyriakos KYRIAKOULEAS	14	24
Peter OLLERTON	12	77
Paul SIMIC	7	7
Bruno COZZELLA	6	6
Jim KRIARIS	5	51
Jim MILNE	4	24
Steve POTTER	3	25

HEIDELBERG — 16

	1980	1977-80
Jim CAMPBELL	26	96
Gary COLE	26	102
Arthur McMILLAN	26	91
Jamie PATON	26	42
Theo SELEMIDIS	26	49
Jim TANSEY	26	97
Pat BANNON	25	101
Andrew BOZIKAS	25	86
John YZENDOORN	24	40
Jim ROONEY	23	100
Vjekoslav BANOVIC	18	43
Ken TAYLOR	11	80
Jeff OLVER	8	8
Jim WILLIAMS	8	8
Bob PROVAN	4	65
Charlie YANKOS	1	1

LEICHHARDT — 21

	1980	1977-80
Phil O'CONNOR	26	98
Greg WOODHOUSE	26	59
Colin McAUSLAND	25	25
Peter WILSON	24	94
Mark PULLEN	23	39
Jim DEMPSEY	22	39
Bobby McGINN	20	34
Rod SKELLERN	20	60
Tony MORSELLO	18	18
Bill PIRIE	18	35
Terry BUTLER	16	41
John COYNE	14*	86
John McKIE	11	11
Rob DREWS	10	26
David HARDING	10*	88
John BRADLEY	9	9
Brian O'DONNELL	7*	71
Peter STONE	7*	95
Mark SAMUELS	6	23
Ian GRAY	1	1
David WATTS	1	1

* Also with another club.

MARCONI — 18

	1980	1977-80
Mark JANKOVICS	26	95
Alan MAHER	25	103
Peter SHARNE	25	102
Gary BYRNE	24	84
Peter RASKOPOULOS	24	61
Eddie KRNCEVIC	23	49
Ivo PRSKALO	22	96
Peter BROGAN	21	44
Bertie MARIANI	18	77
Paul DEGNEY	17	95
Tony HENDERSON	16	92
Jim MUIR	15	40
Roberto VIERI	15	66
Jim CANT	14	80
Ken LINDSAY	14	35
John RUSSELL	11*	92
Ron CORRY	1	1
Stuart SELVAGE	1*	33

* Also with another club.

NEWCASTLE — 21

	1980	1977-80
Roy DRINKWATER	26	77
Paul REANEY	26	26
Colin CURRAN	24	101
David JONES	24	29
Arno BERTOGNA	23	38
Graham HEYS	22	46
Craig MASON	21	53
Peter TREDINNICK	21	60
Joe SENKALSKI	18	69
Phil DANDO	16	61
Paul BURROWS	15	15
John SNEDDON	13	38
Malcolm McCLELLAND	12	34
Brett COWBURN	10	24
James PRESTON	10	19
David KAMASZ	9	9
Dave DEAKIN	8	8
Bill SUMMERSCALES	6	53
Mark TRENTER	7*	49
Howard TREDINNICK	1	1
Craig WALLACE	1	1

* Also with another club.

SOUTH MELBOURNE — 15

	1980	1977-80
Vic BANNON	26	37
Peter LAUMETS	26	36
Arthur XANTHOPOULOS	26	51
Branko BULJEVIC	25	98
George CAMPBELL	24	61
Duncan CUMMINGS	24	69
Alun EVANS	24	56
Bertie LUTTON	24	89
Bill ROGERS	24	66
George CHRISTOPOULOS	21	58
Alan DAVIDSON	17	38
Steve BLAIR	16	16
Steve KAKANTONIS	12	18
Chris KALAFATIDIS	11	61
Sam WRIGHT	10	55

ST. GEORGE — 27

	1980	1977-80
David McINTOSH	25	92
Billy GRIFFITHS	22	22
Denis DUARTE	21	21
Peter KATHOLOS	20	34
Doug UTJESENOVIC	20	71
Mike FRASER	18	33
Roy COTTON	17	40
Paul KAY	17	27
Peter TERRY	17	48
Peter STONE	16*	95
Peter BEGGS	15	15
Ernie CAMPBELL	14	81
John RUSSELL	14*	92
Howard HADLEY	13	13
Mark BARTON	12	15
Rudi GNAVI	9	68
David SKEEN	9	9
John DAVIES	8	51
Don SMITH	8	8
Nigel GROOME	7	8
Tom MIHAJLOVIC	5	16
Richard YAMINE	3	3
Nick FENOUGHTY	2	13
Aron SCHARFEGGER	2	2
Steve VERVERIS	2	2
Billy BULLOCH	1	1
Ron FRASER	1	1

* Also with another club.

SYDNEY CITY — 19

	1980	1977-80
Ken BODEN	26	77
John STEVENSON	26	100
Joe WATSON	26	94
Ian BRUCE	25	50
John SPANOS	25	25
Murray BARNES	23	94
Ian SOUNESS	22	64
Kevin MULLEN	21	64
Steve O'CONNOR	21	90
Todd CLARKE	19	73
Adahilton SILVA	18	88
Terry SMITH	13	63
Mark TRENTER	13*	49
Eddie THOMSON	12	66
Tony PEZZANO	8	14
Jim PATIKAS	6	11
Marcos SILVA	6	7
Geraldo GOMEZ	5	10
Cornelio BORGES	4	11

* Also with another club.

WEST ADELAIDE — 23

	1980	1977-80
Graham HONEYMAN	26	88
Vic BOZANIC	26	65
Martyn CROOK	25	97
Ian McGREGOR	25	94
MANECAS	24	24
John KOSMINA	23	71
Shraga TOPAZ	23	23
Eric CARRUTHERS	18	42
Zoran MARICIC	18	18
Graham NORRIS	17	81
Tom FORDE	16	16
Ian McKIE	14	14
Peter TYMCZYSZYN	12	53
George KOULIANOS	8	14
Steve ATSALAS	6	6
Neil McGACHEY	6	63
David DOORNE	5	5
Chris KEY	5	5
Aldo LORENZINI	3	3
Tom TOTSIKAS	3	3
Nick PANTSARAS	2	24
Peter BOYLE	1	69
Brian GALE	1	1

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Alan Maher

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Maher (Marconi) 103
Cole (Heidelberg) 102
Sharne (Marconi) 102
Bannon, P. (Heidelberg) 101
Curran (Newcastle) 101
Jones (West Adel.) 101
O'Shea, J. (Canberra) 101
Potter (Br. City) 101
Perry (Brisb. City) 100
Rooney (Heidelberg) 100
Stevenson (Sydney City) 100

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MARCONI v HEIDELBERG

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ROUND 2
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FIRST DIVISION

POLONIA AIMS EVEN HIGHER

— By Charles Spiteri —

One of the elite teams in State League soccer of yesteryear, Polonia returns to the fold next season with a vengeance.

"It took us 11 long years to get out of the woods, but now we'll never look back again" said club president Mike Cordek last week.

"We will be fielding a strong side next year aiming for the top four of the competition using a blend of youth and experience to ensure success" he said.

"And like most other clubs, we have ambitions: we hope for PSL status within a few years."

The Polonia club has good reason to be confident, as they have never been in a stronger position since the club was started in the early 50s.

With the Chopin Park complex at Plumpton a reality, Polonia has an established home, a prosperous one at that, with plans for future additions which will include a licensed club right on the site.

The first steps towards building the club will be next season when an application will be lodged with the courts to achieve this aim.

Once this is accomplished, the club will set plans in motion to join the PSL.

But, of course, all these plans depend on a successful side next year, which according to Cordek will be one of the strongest Polonia ever fielded.

For a start the club will be seeking the importation of several Polish players who will be brought here to blend with many talented youngsters which have been groomed in the last few years.

According to Cordek, the importation of players will serve two purposes.

One is to promote the game and win back the crowd which has abandoned the club in the past 11 years.

The second is to bring in fresh skills which will be of immense benefit to young and inexperienced players already with the club.

A strong contender for promotion right from the start, Polonia had to stage a tremendous finish to clinch the verdict dropping only one point — against University of NSW — in their last seven matches.

They finished one point behind the champions Marconi but were heavily pressured all the way through by promotion-seekers Wollongong.

In the last few years, the club has unearthed quite a bit of talent and this, blended and tuned by coach Stan Wozniczka, was built up to a reasonable combination.

Players like the Budini brothers, Ricki and Andy, Colin Harris, Sully Maitre, Eddy Pahor and the boy from the Nepean side Stan Lemanczyk had a tremendous season.

One, who perhaps stood out more than most was striker and natural left winger Andy Budini who not only scored Polonia's most goals but showed tremendous potential for the future.

His brother Ricki also showed great potential and playing side by side with Zbigniew Strzelecki has really improved his game in midfield.

Strzelecki, whose contract ends at the end of this month and returns to Poland, was a regular first division player in Warsaw and his skills will certainly be missed.

Bob Wisniewski, another top ball player from Poland has decided to remain in Australia and is likely to turn up for the club next season.

In goal, Polonia has groomed Andy Greenfield who has matured to be one of the finest keepers in this division.

But club officials insist that promotion only was made possible by the incredible Bobby Hardy who was the kingpin in a tightly knit defence which kept the team together.

Planning for the 1981 season will start in a few weeks.

According to the constitution, the club must hold its annual meeting before the end of November and once that is done, the new administration will be putting its plans in motion.

The first act of the new committee will be to appoint a coach, which could well be Wozniczka as he is highly regarded for the work he has done during the season.

Cordek said the club intended to introduce quite a few new reforms in the administration of the club with the emphasis on promotion.

"Polonia is in the midst of the Western suburbs soccer belt and we have to compete with Marconi, Blacktown City, Blacktown United and other clubs and have to produce teams that entertain the public and bring back the crowds" he said.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

EAGLES SHOULD MAKE AMENDS

— By Paul James —

After four hours of fierce battle with Auburn, Canterbury emerged victorious last week and now meet Melita for the right to play in the Grand Final.

Melita's thrashing at the hands of Olympic was out the blue.

Although a let down was to be expected after winning the premiership title, no one thought Melita would let their guard drop so dramatically.

Their usually rock-hard defence was caught terribly exposed down the flanks and they paid dearly for it.

Defenders Berry and Mikas had a torrid time against Hensman and Scott and this is something Canterbury could well exploit.

Canterbury's win over Auburn was the result of a lot of power, determination and skill and a hint of cheek as well.

Jim Basterfield's goal, scored from the halfway line, was the most amazing goal seen at the Sports Ground for years.

And it further underlined that originality and doing the unexpected can pay dividends in soccer.

Canterbury's chances against Melita this week are good.

They have been kept on their toes with two sudden-death matches against Auburn.

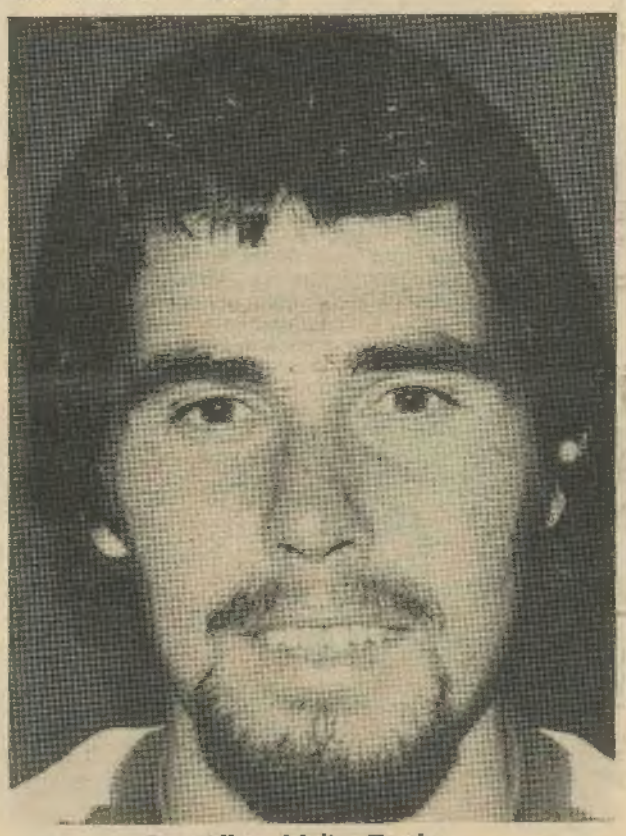
Unlike Melita, they haven't had a break in their rhythm at this crucial stage of the season.

Melita, already having hurdled their biggest obstacle — winning the premiership — must now be motivated to realise the season is not yet over.

The two teams are evenly matched and it looks like it will be up to how well the respective coaches, George Barboutis and Atti Abonyi can motivate their teams to decide the other Grand Finalist to join Olympic.

We'll stick our necks out and go for Melita, purely because of their consistent form this year.

Melita to win 2-1.



Don Allan, Melita Eagles

SEMIFINAL REPLAY

Canterbury v Auburn 2-1 (0-0) (a.e.t.)

Canterbury won through to the final against Melita with one of the strangest, most spectacular goals ever seen at the Sports Ground.

It came in extra time as these two very evenly balanced sides looked like forcing the much dreaded penalty deciders to come into play.

Auburn was hampered for almost half the game by the lack of one player, Alex McMillan, who was sent off in the 66th minute for alleged kicking.

The game was at times brutal, often violent with far too many crude tackles.

Most were pulled up by referee Barry Wilkinson who tried his hardest to strike a medium between killing the game and letting it flow.

After McMillan was sent off Auburn seemed stirred up and threw themselves forward into attack.

In fact it looked as if extra time wouldn't be needed.

In the last 10 minutes of normal time they could so easily have snatched a win.

Martinez' superb shot was well saved by McPherson in the 88th minute, then he blasted the ball over the bar in the 88th.

One minute later McCrannor had the goal at his mercy but his attempt cannoned into the crossbar and rebounded back into play.

Extra time produced the most amazing sequence of events possibly seen at the ground.

In the 99th minute Basterfield hit over a curling cross which Gisbourne seemed to have.

However, he fell backwards and lost the ball, and as it rolled towards the goal he leapt after it, only managing to push it over the line.

From the kick-off Auburn attacked and won a freekick.

McDonald pushed it to Dobson who thumped it home from 35 metres with a tremendous left foot cannonball.

With the Auburn players still celebrating, and with Gisbourne congratulating Dobson on the edge of his area, Brown kicked off, slipped the ball to Basterfield who lobbed it from the centre circle into Auburn's unguarded net.

It was an amazing goal and certainly one that Gisbourne won't forget in a hurry.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, Laws 3, G. Brown 4, Penman 4, Barboutis 4 (Kable 89m), Williams 4, Hall 3, Basterfield 5, R. Brown 3, Bytes 4, Thamnides 3 (Ramage 90m).

AUBURN: Gisbourne 2, McCoy 4, Fairclough 4, Dobson 4, McMillan 1 (sent off), McDonald 4, Quigley 3 (Gibson 94m), McCulloch 3, McCrannor 4 (Ross 110m), Martinez 4, Bertram 4.

Goals: 1-0 Gisbourne (o.g., 99m), 1-1 Dobson (110m), 2-1 Basterfield (111m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; **crowd:** 1025; **cautions:** Dobson, Martinez, Laws; **sent off:** McMillan.

— A. Henderson

MAJOR SEMIFINAL

Sydney Olympic v Melita 5-1 (1-1)

Sydney Olympic destroyed a complacent Melita with a whirlwind second half display by strikers Andy Scott and Peter Hensman.

Scott in particular came to life after a first half which was better forgotten.

Neither side could string many passes together and the striking power was woeful.

Melita took the lead for the first and last time when Ray Farrugia put away a penalty after Ankudinoff handled in the area.

Two minutes later Eaton scored with a header after a Ankudinoff's long throw.

In the second half Olympic moved into top gear.

Parker made it easier for them when he, too, handled and Wilson sliced the penalty home.

Scott started to cause havoc along the wings and neither Berry nor Mikas could handle him properly.

In the 61st minute Scott stormed off on the wing and his cross was met by Hensman to nut the ball away.

Four minutes later Scott again showed his aggression when he broke through on the left and smashed a great drive past Gready.

The result was well out of Melita's reach but as if to repay their arch rivals for 'stealing' the premiership, Olympic fired another goal home in the 81st minute through Hensman.

It was truly a superb display from Scott who made up for some inconsistent displays throughout the year.

OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Ankudinoff 3, Palmer 4, Wilson 4, Rowden 3, Cross 3, Hensman 4, Smith 3, Eaton 4, Scott 6, Jennings 4.

MELITA: Gready 3, Berry 2, McDonald 3, Darvill 3, Mikas 2, Juchniewicz 3, Williams 3, Farrugia 3, Allan 2, Stoddart 3, Parker 3.

Goals: 0-1 Farrugia (pen. 38m), 1-1 Eaton (40m), 2-1 Wilson (pen. 49m), 3-1 Hensman (61m), 4-1 Scott (65m), 5-1 Hensman (81m).

Referee: R.T. Davies; **crowd:** 4217.

— M. Renwick

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Relegation play-off

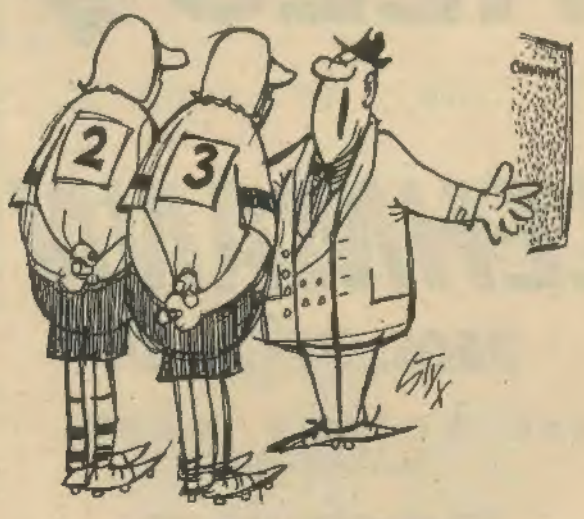
Kuringai v Parramatta	2-4

STATE LEAGUE

3rd Grade:	
Auburn v Sutherland	2-0
2nd Grade:	
Olympic v Kuringai	3-1
1st Grade:	
Melita v Olympic	1-5

DIVISION 1

3rd Grade:	
St. George v Syd. City	7-2
2nd Grade:	
Leichhardt v St. George (after extra time) replay next Thursday	0-0
1st Grade:	
St. George v Wollongong	2-3



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WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

ENGLISH CROWDS "UNCIVILISED"

There must be an awful lot of Alf Garnetts in the West Ham camp . . .

Last Saturday, when the Hammers played at Newcastle, fights broke out among rival followers on the ground — and 12 were arrested.

All this a mere 20 days after West Ham fans caused a near-riot in Madrid when their team played second division team Castilla in the Cupwinners' Cup.

The European Football Union ruled that their second leg, first round Cupwinners, Cup tie must not be relayed on close circuit television from Upton Park.

UEFA had already instructed the club to play the match behind closed doors because of what they called West Ham fans "provocative and uncivilised behaviour" in Madrid 20 days ago.

Hans Bangerter, the UEFA director general said:

"West Ham must not obtain any financial benefit from the game. We want the message to get across to British fans that they cannot misbehave in Europe and get away with it."

Meanwhile, the National Federation of Supporters Clubs condemned the Football Association's refusal to allocate tickets to Scottish supporters for the home international against England at Wembley next May.

The Federation called the FA's action "an attack on civil liberty" and argued that it would lead to more, not less, Scots travelling south in the hope of obtaining tickets from touts for the match.

Police remove an "over enthusiastic" fan from a London ground.

KENNEDY: "WE PLAY TOO FAST"

It's not for the first time that somebody claims English teams play far too fast.

However, the charge this time comes from an English star himself, Liverpool's brilliant Ray Kennedy.

He has recently criticised Liverpool's inability to slow down their games at home matches.

Kennedy reckons Liverpool could improve on their performances at Anfield if they used a "slow, slow, quick, quick, slow" approach.

"We found it more and more difficult to get goals at Anfield last season because of opponents just pulling all their men back behind the ball," he claims.

"I felt there were times when we made it difficult for ourselves through not slowing the game down and taking our time.

"It's fair to say that we tend to fall into the trap of playing the way our crowd want us to — they have been spoilt by success, and if we're not running around at 100 miles per hour, they think we're not trying.

"They keep roaring you forward and you tend to get caught up in it. I think it's very important that we avoid that this season."

• Manchester United will sell striker Andy Ritchie to QPR as soon as they buy Gary Birtles from Nottingham Forest. United boss Dave Sexton and Tommy Docherty — a former Old Trafford overlord — have agreed a fee for Ritchie, who last season turned down the chance to move to Aston Villa. Rangers, desperate to claw their way into the promotion firing line, were hoping to sign Ritchie for $1 million last week but they have been told by United that the transfer must hang fire until Forest agree to let Birtles move to Manchester United for $2 million plus.

ESPANA 82

The latest in the World Cup:

Group 1:
Finland v Austria 0-2

1. Albania	1	1	—	—	2-0	2
Austria	1	1	—	—	2-0	2
Bulgaria	1	1	—	—	2-0	2
4. Finland	3	—	—	3	0-6	0

Next: Bulgaria v Albania, Oct. 18

Group 3:
Turkey v Iceland 1-3

1. Wales	1	1	—	—	4-0	2
2. USSR	1	1	—	—	2-1	2
3. Iceland	3	1	—	2	4-7	2
4. Turkey	1	—	—	1	1-3	0
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Next: USSR v Iceland, Wales v Turkey, Oct. 15

Group 4:
Norway v Rumania 1-1

1. England	1	1	—	—	4-0	2
2. Rumania	1	—	1	—	1-1	1
Norway	1	—	1	—	1-1	1
Switzerl.						
Hungary						

Next: Rumania v England, Oct. 15

Group 5:
Yugoslavia v Denmark 2-1

1. Yugoslavia	2	2	—	—	7-1	4
2. Denmark	1	—	—	1	1-2	0
3. Luxemb.	1	—	—	1	0-5	0
Greece						
Italy						

Next: Luxemb. v Italy, Oct. 11

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Lajos Tichy, now the coach of Honved Budapest and a contemporary of the star-studded Hungarians in the 1950s — himself 71 times capped — has written his memoirs. Tichy's verdicts: the best soccer country — West Germany; 1982 World Cup finalists: West Germany v Brazil and his best team: Yachine; D. Santos, Beckenbauer, Sipos, Schnellinger; Bozsik, Di Stefano, Puskas, Kocsis, Pele and Czibor — no less than five Hungarians from the 1950s and 1960s.

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• The Yugoslav Party daily, 'Komuniszt' launched a bitter attack against the country's soccer set-up, charging it with dishonesty and "undue commercialism."

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• Apparently the national team of the USA has less problems fixing up matches in Europe than we do...Starting this week they will play five games, against FC Nurnberg, Luxembourg, Portugal, Arminia Bielefeld and the England B team. Meanwhile, Cosmos will play 10 games in seven countries between October 1 and November 5.

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• Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee recently watched a Manchester United home match at Old Trafford. "The atmosphere was electric," he said after, "and the Stretford End was nearly as loud at the Hill at the Sydney Cricket Ground. "Well, well, well . . . it's nice to be patriotic — but only a cricketer — and a deaf one — can compare the two . .

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• Derby will wear "Fly British Midland" on their jerseys this season.

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• Dutch star Ruud Krol, 31, now on loan from the Vancouver Whitecaps, earns $45,000 a month with Napoli before he returns to Canada in March or April.

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• Again George Best . . . The notorious Irish genius has returned to play for Hibernians in Edinburgh during the American closed season.

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• In order to get used to the measurement of Spanish grounds during the '82 World Cup finals, Rio's Maracana Stadium will be changed to 105m by 68m from its present spacious 110m by 75m.

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• Former England and Arsenal star Peter Storey was sent to jail for three years on charges of counterfeiting.

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• Remarkable result: Kuwait beat South Korea 3-0 last week, in Kuwait.

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• According to the British Taylors' Association, Kevin Keegan is the best dressed man in England.

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• Jara and Welzl scored Austria's two goals in the 2-0 win over Finland in Helsinki.

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• When last Saturday they played 2-2 against Leeds, Ipswich recorded their 33rd match without a single defeat.

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• All-time Polish great Wlodzimierz Lubanski bowed out of the Polish national team in the international against Czechoslovakia in Chorzow — having scored the Polish goal, from a penalty, in the 1-1 match. Nehoda got the goal for the visitors.

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• Brazil beat Paraguay 2-1 in Asuncion (Paraguay) with goals by Ze Sergio and Reinaldo after Paraguay's Benitez had been sent off the field in the second half.

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• Ladislav Novak, former all-time Czech international great, has returned home from Belgium and has taken over Dukla Prague.

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• West Germany and Holland will play a friendly international this week.

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• When last week Bayern Munchen beat Hamburg 2-1 to take the lead of the West German Bundesliga, the Olympic Stadium was sold out — 78,000 fans paying an average of $6.

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• Johan Neeskens is back with Cosmos — but his career is uncertain. It turns out now that Johan II. is a severe alcoholic.

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• Hungary and Spain played a 2-2 draw in a friendly in Budapest — in front of a mere 8,000 spectators.

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• Bernd Schuster, the young German international, has signed for Cosmos on the understanding that he would be released for all of Germany's games.

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• Arsenal have invited the Norwegian international defender Einar Jan Aas to Highbury for a trial later this week. Aas, who played against England at Wembley in a recent World Cup qualifying tie, cost Bayern Munich $380,000 and the West German club are willing to transfer him for the same fee. Terry Neill the Arsenal manager, attempted to sign Aas last December when the player was based in Norway.

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• Neill also denied reports that David Price wishes to leave Arsenal after losing his first team place. Steve Walford, a defender with considerable first team experience, remains on the transfer list.

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